

Software Underground

Board Meeting

28 November 2023

Minutes are recorded in green.

Agenda

We will start at 16.00 UTC on Tuesday 28 Nov 2023. Quorum is 5.

Chair: Matt

Regrets:

Present: Matt, Dieter, Jo, Santi, Maria

Visiting:

Previous meeting

Previous meeting minutes are on GitHub:

<https://github.com/softwareunderground/swung-org/blob/main/board>

Remarks

- None

Mattermost (and Slack)

The Mattermost instance is running. The Slack has been downgraded to the free tier again.

Items for discussion (please add what you have!):

- How about General?
- Threads
- Status of automated backups for Mattermost
- Check access to the server for other admins?
- Reminder: issue tracker for Mattermost on GitHub:
<https://github.com/softwareunderground/mattermost>

Actions: What now?

Remarks:

- Keep the email issue etc in GitHub issues
- Have pinged a couple of groups about Teams
- When shortening the swung Team name, previous links got broken. Nothing major, just to keep that in mind for the future.
- Docs for getting started with Mattermost:
 - Feel free to create channels!
 - Directions to general, random/off topic
- Keep Slack and re-post Mattermost link for ca. 1 year.
- Face to face meetup for JK, Matt and Santi soon

Mastodon

We agreed to start a conversation in Mattermost about Mastodon to try and kindle some Swung conversation over there. Start by seeing if anyone is curious, answering questions, etc. If there is a lot of interest we could offer to start a server.

Action:

Remarks:

- TODO!

Events

We committed to look again at Transform in November or December.

Suggestions to avoid EGU (April 14-19) and EAGE Digital in Paris (25 to 27 March).

Are there other events in 2024 to think about?

Remarks:

- Make a channel in MM, find dates, and ping folks who had already expressed interest
- Ideas for making it distributed across different locations, eg see FOSS4G UK model
- Possible nodes for distributed event:
 - BGS (UK)?
 - UBC, Vancouver?
 - São Paulo (we should ask Leo about it)?

- **Hackathon in a weekend**

Next meeting

We often do not meet in December... if we wanted to, we could meet up on Tue 19 December, how do people feel?

Remarks:

- **Organize a meetup instead! Maybe around AOC?**
- **Meetings just set up for 2024, check your Google calendar**

Any other business

None.

Remarks:

- **None**

Parking lot / next meeting

These items will go into the next board meeting(s):

- We still need to update the tech spreadsheet:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1mNAGEgQNvfZem5zY38u9etn200aFWbE2zJLcMEdiL4Y/edit?usp=sharing>
- Check the status of receipt for Swung membership/donations (so it can potentially be deducted / charged to the employer like the membership of other professional societies).
- Note for 2024, Swung owes Matt over the BIRS support.